

Hot Winds.

A little while ago it looked as though we'd have a harvest great; the corn was standing, green, uncooked, in shining fields, in many a state. The farmers, grieved by barren years, beheld the prospect with a smile. "This year," they thought, "the golden ears will bring us in a goodly pile." And then, as from a dragon's mouth, there came a blazing, blighting breath, a fried wind sizzling from the south, and all the corn was done to death. Don't talk of grief till you have seen your harvest wither beneath the eye; till you've beheld the walls of green change in a day to dun, and die—the long hard hours in sun and rain, the heat and burden of the day, the hope of a substantial gain, all nullified and thrown away. In this sad year of 'Seventeen, with all the world in war employed, uncounted farmers thus have seen their harvests and their hopes destroyed. And yet the farmers, brave and strong, make little moan, and shed no tear; they say to burned-up fields, "So long! We'll hope for better luck next year!" WALT MASON.

KEEPING UP WITH THE HONESES Pa Gets an Offer.



CAT TALES.



CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

A drill and instruction for the third section of the tenth precinct of the Home Defense Force will be held Monday night at Wilson Normal School, George Pitt, 1325 14th Street, is the acting captain of this precinct.

Men with flooring for use in building under the Marine Corps training camp at Quantico, the schooner Brooklyn of the Carter fleet and the city of Alexandria yesterday and will return. It is loaded, to load another cargo. Schooners Ella, Kathleen and others have been ordered to be ready to receive lumber, cement, bricks and other material for new buildings to be erected at Indian Head, Md. The material will be unloaded at the Glymont wharf, and from there will be sent to points in the District. Building operations along the river are reported to be quite brisk this summer.

Maurice Hoffman, thirteen years old, 2909 Q Street, yesterday afternoon received injuries to his head and body in a fall from a bicycle on Massachusetts Avenue near the bridge over Rock Creek. He was riding the bicycle on the east side of the road when he struck the car. The injured boy was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Patrick Collins, 409 H Street northwest, last night about 11:45 o'clock was knocked down by a motor cycle at 4th and G Streets, and slightly injured. He refused hospital treatment.

While skylarking with a street car conductor on Nichols Avenue near 5th Street, Anacostia, last night about 8:30 p.m., George H. Hunt, a motor man, ran in front of the car. He was struck by the car and thrown to the roadway when his wheel struck the car. The injured boy was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Dr. William J. Howard, Jr., of 100 Massachusetts Avenue, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, according to an announcement made at the War Department today. He will leave Monday for Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Albert P. Tappan has answered the petition for a legal separation recently filed against him by his wife, Esther A. Tappan, by a cross bill asking absolute divorce from her. He charges that she is unfaithful to another man. The husband denies all the charges made against him by his wife. He is represented by Attorney J. C. Brown.

Gas Companies Ask Court to Restrain Utilities Commission. Following the example of the Potomac Electric Power Company, petitions for injunction have been filed in District Court to restrain the action of the Washington Gas Light Company and the Georgetown Gas Light Company to adopt the public utilities commission's plan for reducing the price of gas.

The position is supported by the argument that it will be extremely difficult to maintain a coal price ceiling in different communities. The coal regulations to be issued will carry specific measures to deal with distribution and apportionment problems. It is feared that the distribution of coal first in communities in which it is most needed and to prevent the practice of hoarding freight haulers.

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Tickets for the base ball game between the police department and the Home Defense League Labor day, for the benefit of the widows' and orphans' relief fund, will be sold at the police department, are to be sold by members of the Home Defense League Rifles, according to a notice which has been posted at the police department. This organization will make every effort to promote the sale of the tickets.

Capt. Niblon of Company F, composed entirely of Elks, announced that a meeting of the police department and company would be held in Elks' Hall, 913 H Street northwest, at 8 o'clock next Friday night instead of Monday night, as heretofore.

Col. Winter announced that membership in the Home Defense League is being accepted at a rapid rate. The enrollment is being made in the police department, past grand master of Masons of the District of Columbia, at present grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the District, has been appointed to the regimental inspection staff of the Home Defense League Rifles, with the rank of major.

The Flowers in Highest Favor for Weddings are Shaffer's, 900 14th. Advertisements.

Books for Uncle Sam's Boys. Six hundred and fifty volumes have been ordered by the American Library Association for "Uncle Sam's boys," both on land and on sea. The books represent the work of 125 writers. Efforts have been made to obtain the kind of books most liked by the boys. A number of military works are to be included in the libraries being arranged, but the committee feels that many